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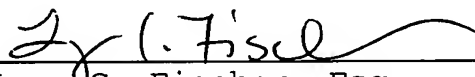
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Treatment and Prophylaxis of
Hepatitis C Viral Infections
and Associated Diseases

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undersigned attorney that no fee is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

In the opinion of the undersigned, the references submitted herewith are the most pertinent of which the undersigned is aware. However, no representation is made or intended that more pertinent references do not exist.

This submission is not an admission that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 constitute prior art against the claims of this application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the cited references by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 in accordance with MPEP §609.

In the event that a fee is required in connection with this submission and not enclosed, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1406 of the undersigned attorneys. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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	C1	Ambinter Stock Screening Collection Catalog, Ambinter, Paris, France; Chemical Name: 3-Benzofurancarboxamide, 5-methoxy-N-methyl-2-phenyl- (1 Jan. 2004)
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C18	Structural formulas from "Screening Compound Database" of Pharmeks Ltd., Moscow Russia, including Pharmeks ID Nos. PHAR000844 (Mol. Formula $C_{24}H_{18}BrNO_6$), PHAR023049 (Mol. Formula $C_{23}H_{23}BrO_5$) and PHAR023900 (Mol. Formula $C_{18}H_{15}BrO_5$) (1 page); September 2002.

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